

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 46320
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Timo SALO, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 1045
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Application No.: 10/026,387	:	Group Art Unit: 2162
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Filed: December 21, 2001	:	Examiner: A. Ly
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For:		DECENTRALIZED MANY TO MANY RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT IN AN OBJECT PERSISTENCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

Mail Stop Appeal Brief - Patents
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated December 15, 2006 (hereinafter Notice).

REMARKS

In the Notice dated December 15, 2006, it was stated that "[t]he claims appendix does not contain all claims involved in the appeal." The Notice, however, was silent as to identifying those claims, involved in the appeal, which were allegedly not included in the appendix.

Appellants note that the claims appendix of the Appeal Brief includes claims 1, 5, 8, and 11. Although claims 1-11 are pending in this Application, claims 2-4, 6-7, and 9-10 have been

indicated as being allowable. Thus, only claims 1, 5, 8, and 11 have been rejected and are subject to appeal.

As noted on page 1 of the Appeal Brief, "Appellants appeal from the Examiner's rejection of claims 1, 5, 8, and 11." Therefore, no other claims are involved in the appeal, and thus, Appellants respectfully submit that all the claims involved in the appeal have been included in the claims appendix.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17, 41.20, and in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 09-0461, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Date: January 1, 2007

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